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SUBJECT: UBON VICE GOVERNOR COMMENTS ON STUDENTS AND RTG

SUMMARY: HAD LONG TALK WITH UBON VICE GOVERNOR DETCHART

MAONGKOMOLCHET ON OCT , DURING WHICH HE SPECULATED ON

FUTURE OF THAILAND, ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG) AND LONG

RUN IMPACT OF STUDENT MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. DETACHARD ASKED ABOUT FATE OF HIS "ASSOCIATES" WHO  
HAD FLED COUNTRY AND ASKED ME TO CHECK ON WHERE THEY  
WERE AND IF FAMILIES WERE WITH THEM. HE SAID HE THOUGHT  
THAT AT SOME POINT NARONG MIGHT TRY TO COME BACK, BUT  
NOTED THIS MIGHT PROVE VERY DIFFICULT.

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2. DETCHARD SAID HE THOUGHT STUDENTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS

WOULD BE THE DOMINANT POLITICAL FORCE IN THAILAND FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS. HE PREDICTED THEY WOULD MOVE INCREASINGLY TO THE LEFT AND THAT EVENTUALLY THE MILITARY WOULD TAKE POWER AGAIN.

3. DETCHARD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT STUDENT POU CV NOW SO GREAT THAT PRIME MINISTER (PM) WOULD HAVE TO SEEK STUDENT APPROVAL OF CABINET APPOINTMENTS PRIOR TO MAKING THEM. HE FELT PM WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT STUDENTS BEFORE MAKING ANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN FUTURE. HE ALSO CONCERNED THAT ALLIANCE OF STUDENTS AND POLITCALMPS WOULD DESTROY WHATEVER POLITICAL STABILITY EMERGED AFTER FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. IN NEAR FUTURE HE SAID, STUDENTS WILL PROBABLY BEGIN PUBLISHING LISTS OF CORRUPT OFFICIALS OR MEN THEY DO NOT APPROVE OF BECAUSE OF PAST ASSOCIATIONS. AT THIS POINT HE ASKED IN JEST ABOUT PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR VISA.

4. IN ADDITION TO GREATER CIVILIAN ROLE IN GOVERNMENT AND INCREASED INFLUENCE OF STUDENTS, DETCHARD SAID HE THOUGHT THAT AUTHORITY OF THE KING IN DANGER OF BEING REDUCED. AS STUDENT POWER INCREASES, THEY WILL CEASE TO LOOK TO KING FOR GUIDENCE.

5. ASKED DETCHART IF HE THOUGHT ANY FORMERLY "UNDESIREABLE" PEOPLE LIKE PRIDI WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THAILAND. HE SAID THIS UP TO KING BUT FELT IT MORE LIKELY THAT DR. PUAY UNGPHAKORN WOULD RETURN IN SOME IMPORTANT CAPACITY AS DR. PUAY ON GOOD TERMS WITH PROFESSOR SANYA AND ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO STUDENTS. HAMILTON

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